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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
USING BUSINESS RULES OR USER
ROLES FOR SELECTING PORTLETS IN A
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention that US Patent App. No. 10/527,126 includes similar subject matter, is commonly owned, and/or includes common inventors with US Patent App. No. 10/527,146, US Patent App. No. 10/527,136, and US Patent App. No. 12/393,925.

While Applicants do not believe that the associated applications, or the art of record, in the associated applications are material to patentability, Applicants invite the Examiner to review these associated applications on USPTO electronic PAIR system to reach his/her own conclusion should the Examiner be so inclined. In addition, Applicants note that certain of these reference may be cumulative as these cases are associated, however, Applicants defer such a final determination on that matter to the Examiner in order to fully comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56.

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The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention, Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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